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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1879.

SCHOOLS.

Paid Joshua B Smith,	Com	Dist	No	1	$321 48
Carrie O Chesley	"	"	"	2	92 21
Andrew P Card	"	"	"	3	72 78
J W E Thompson	"	"	"	4	157 89
Charles H Tuttle	"	"	"	5	143 71
Mrs O C Knowlton	"	"	"	6	35 01
John Emerson	"	"	"	7	136 72
James Stevens	"	"	"	8	107 35
B F Haley	"	"	"	9	39 20
Sarah F Chesley	"	"	"	10	125 65
					$1,232 00

INTEREST.

Paid Hilliard F Fogg interest on note to Aug 5th, 1879, ... $48 00

Paid Nellie M Mathes interest on note to Feb 3, 1880	$5 84
George & Wm P Ffrost interest on note to Feb 14, 1880	5 25
	$59 09

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A Carter, State tax	$1,408 00
Harry Hough, County tax	1,757 54
	$3,165 54

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Joseph C Bartlett, District No 1,	$89 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Fanny Moring, house rent for John B. Chesley	$12 00
David Stevens for keeping transients	7 75
J P Bancroft for board of Wm K Chesley to Jan 1, 1880	146 23
David O Davis, for two trips to Newmarket for Ester Davis	2 00
John B Chesley, 50 cents per week for 26 weeks	13 00
Dr John Elkins, for medical attendance on Aaron Corson	13 00
Dr John Elkins for medical attendance on Hamilton boy	13 50
Alvin Jackson, for goods for Albert H Emerson	20 00
Valentine Mathes 2d, for goods for Henry E Hamilton	5 00
John McDaniel for wood for Mary McDaniel.	5 86
John McDaniel for carrying Isabella Hurd to Ezra Parson's, and going to Dover to consult Commissioner relative to the same	2 00
John McDaniel for carrying Isabella Hurd to County farm	3 00
John McDaniel for two affidavits and certificates	1 25
G & W P Ffrost for goods for J H Edgerly	3 79
	$248 38

BOUNTIES.

Paid William Chapman for	4	Foxes	$2 00
Charles W Hayes "	1	"	50
Moses B Langley "	4	"	2 00
Albert Demeritte "	5	Hawks	1 00
Anson B Davis "	7	"	1 40
			$6 90

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Berry & Pendexter for 2 Turkies killed by dogs in 1878	$2 00
J C Walker for 3 sheep killed by dogs in 1878	14 00
	$16 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm P Channel for 100 feet covering stone for culvert near land of D A Stevens	$19 50
Nathan Keniston for 5 days labor on culvert	6 25
James Stevens " " " "	6 25
Joseph Bunker " " " "	6 25
Jeremiah Drew for work on road	2 00
Newmarket M'f'g Co for use of derrick	7 00
George E Chesley for gravel	5 75
Minot W Langmaid for 2 days labor on culvert	2 50
Eben M Davis for repairs on Packer's Falls bridge	3 00
Wm B Langmaid for 11 days labor on culvert on Newmarket road	13 75
Wm B Langmaid for 120 feet covering stone for culvert	12 50
Wm B Langmaid for 1 day's labor breaking stone, and use of tools	1 50
David A Stevens for drawing stone for culvert on Newmarket road	7 50
David A Stevens for 2 day's labor, getting out stone	2 50
" " " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " " self and 4 oxen	9 37
" " " 2 " "	2 50
" " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " " self and oxen	1 25
" " labor on road	4 00

Paid Alfred Hoitt for labor on road	$6 53
Henry C Wiggin for use of pump and trough	2 00
John McDaniel for drawing plank for Packer's Falls bridge	1 50
G & W P Ffrost for powder and fuse	69
	$124 09

BREAKING ROADS IN 1879.

Paid Daniel Chesley	$ 62
Nathan Keniston	2 12
H H Dame, self and 1 man	1 88
Ira Willey	93
Charles H Bunker, self and 8 men	15 69
Samuel Emerson, balance due	3 57
B J Emerson	45
John Mathes	11 08
Darius Stevens, self and oxen	1 05
Albert Demeritte	2 50
Joseph F Berry	1 55
James D Meader, self and 8 men	4 03
John Drew	2 59
	$48 06

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid John W Stevens for Police service at annual meeting	$2 00
David Stevens for Police service at annual meeting	2 00
Libbey & Co for printing Town Accounts	14 00
David Stevens for cleaning Police station	3 00
Valentine Mathes 2d for repairing Town wharf	5 00
H A & V Mathes for bridge plank delivered in Feb 1879	87 85
Nellie M Mathes for balance due on note dated Feb 27 1879	140 00
Daniel Chesley for breaking roads in 1879, outstanding	4 50
Hilliard F Fogg for breaking roads in 1879, outstanding	4 56

Paid G & W P Ffrost for plastering hair in 1878....	$46
Edmund C Whittaker for highway tax overworked in 1877 and 1878.....	65
	$264 02

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Eben F Doe, Insurance on Town Hall.....	$12 00
Ozro D Page for burying a horse.	2 00
E J Lane & Co for stationary and books.....	10 20
Ephraim Jenkins for office table.....	7 00
Valentine Mathes, 2d for stationary, nails and lime.....	1 22
David Stevens for Police service.....	12 00
Valentine Mathes, 2d for services as Town Clerk.	25 86
Moses B Langley for Police service.....	16 00
Moses B Langley for sawing wood.....	1 00
Geo & Wm P Ffrost, note for money borrowed May 29, 1879.....	100 00
Valentine Mathes, 2d for services as Tax Collector.....	50 00
Valentine Mathes, 2d for collecting school house tax, Dist No 1.....	1 50
Valentine Mathes, 2d for 600 tax blanks.....	2 25
J W E Thompson for services as Treasurer.....	40 00
David A Stevens for services as Selectman.....	30 00
" " " extra service in March and April.....	7 00
Wm B Langmaid for services as Selectman.....	30 00
" " " extra service in March and April.....	7 00
Wm B Langmaid for going to Newmarket and taking affidavit.....	1 00
John McDaniel for services as Selectman.....	30 00
" " " extra service in March and April.....	7 00
John McDaniel for expense settling with State Treasurer.....	4 00
John McDaniel for wood furnished for Selectmens' office and hall.....	2 25
John McDaniel for services as Overseer of Poor..	25 00

Paid Forrest S Smith for services as Superintendent of Schools	$40 00
Forrest S Smith for school books	2 50
Alfred Langley for heating and cleaning Town Hall	2 95
John McDaniel for stationary and Postage stamps	1 25
J W E Thompson for express charges paid	1 00
John Drew for damage to plow	3 00
	$474 98

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Jacob Thompson	$1 04
John H Edgerly	1 00
Hollis O Dudley	1 00
	$3 04

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Susan L Mathes, money and school house	$31 14
Abby J Mathes, money and school house	2 59
H A Mathes, paid in Barrington	4 16
John Emerson, over taxed	1 60
Page & Coffin, loss by fire	20 00
John E Doe, poll and school house	85
George Doe, poll and school house	85
Frank H Swain, poll	80
Greenleaf W Gerry, poll	80
Thomas Hill, "	80
Charles Warner, "	80
John H Edgerly, "	80
Alfred Proctor, poll and cow	94
Eben Kent, dog	1 00
Burnham Mathes, poll	80
John W Meader "	80
John O Wiggin, poll over 70 years of age	80
Jacob J Drew, dog	1 00
Benjamin J Emerson, dog	1 00
	$71 53

NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

Paid Valentine Mathes for non resident highway tax worked	$65 42
David A Stevens for non resident highway tax worked	7 00
	$72 42

TOWN OF DURHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

CREDIT FOR RECEIPTS.

By Cash received of Geo and Wm P Ffrost borrowed by the Selectmen	$100 00
State, County, Town, School, Dog and School House tax in District No. 1	4653 36
Railroad tax	257 17
Savings Bank tax	1142 08
Literary Fund	69 56
Received of County for support of County paupers	102 26
Rent of wharves and building yard	8 35
Received of Joshua B Smith for overcharge for Auditors in 1879	2 00
Received of Joshua B Smith for tax on J B Griffith's list of 1873	3 50
Outstanding in Collector's list for 1878	20 00
Received of Collector, tax of Charles J DeMeritte paid after abatement	1 00
Received of Daniel Chesley on account of board of Wm K Chesley at N H Asylum for Insane	16 27
Store rent received of G and W P Ffrost	80 00
Received for rent of Town Hall	4 00
	$6459 55

TOWN OF DURHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

DEBTOR FOR EXPENDITURES.

Paid Schools	$1232 00
Interest	59 09
State and County Taxes	3165 54

Paid School House Tax in District No. 1	$89 00
Support of Poor	248 38
Bounties	6 90
Damage by dogs	16 00
Roads and Bridges	124 09
Breaking Roads	48 06
Outstanding Bills	264 02
General Expenses	474 98
Abatements in Collector's list for 1878	3 04
Abatements in Collector's list for 1879	71 53
Non Resident Highway tax worked	72 42
Balance on Collector's list outstanding	50 00
Auditors	4 00
Note of Wm. P. Ffrost to town in Treasury	50 00
Cash in Treasury	480 50
	$6459 55

JOHN W. E. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

JOHN McDANIEL,
WM. B. LANGMAID,
DAVID A. STEVENS,
} Selectmen of Durham.

Durham, N. H., Feb. 25, 1880.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen and find them correctly cast and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

ALBERT DEMERITT,
JEREMIAH LANGLEY
} Auditors.

Statement of Indebtedness and Available Funds of the town, March 1, 1880:

INDEBTEDNESS.

To Hilliard F Fogg on note	$800 00
Interest accrued on same to March 1, 1880	19 47
	$819 47

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Outstanding in Collector's list for 1879	$50 00

Note due and Cash in Treasury.....	$530 50
	$580 50
Excess of debt over available funds.....	$238 97

JOHN W E THOMPSON,
Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Superintending School Committee for the year ending March 1, 1880:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—The first term was begun by Miss Bennett, who was obliged to resign on account of ill health The school was finished by Mrs. Ada J. D. Stevens, with her usual good sucess.

The second term was taught by Miss Susie Smith of Arvonia, Kansas. She has a natural talent for teaching. The improvement of her scholars, both morally and mentally, was very marked. I coincide with her in saying, "there are good talents in this school, and with an efficient teacher, parents and pupils' united efforts, the school might be made an ornament in our midst. The children, the to-morrow of society, the mirror reflecting what they will be. How important that they have careful instruction and guidance."

The third term was under the instruction of J. Frank Gear. In some schools he might have accomplished more; but the peculiar character of this school requires a person of great energy and perseverance and a strict disciplinarian.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—The first term was taught by Miss Nettie M. Cook. For want of energy on the part of the teacher, the school didn't make the progress it should.

The second term was taught by Miss Huckins of Madbury. I was much pleased with the general appearance of the school at its opening. Closing very suddenly and unexpectedly I was unable to be present.

After a recess of two weeks, a third term was taught by Forrest S. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Both terms were under the direction of Miss Carrie Church. Although her first effort at teaching, she accomplished as much as most teachers would in this district. A teacher meets with little encouragement here; there is so little interest on the part of the pupils. It is out of the question for a teacher to perform her own duties and that of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—I congratulate this district in securing the services of Miss Carrie E. Thompson; fresh from "Normal School." It can well be called a "model school." Her work for the year has been a constant advancement. The scholarly habits of the pupils have been strengthened; each study has received proper attention, and a sure foundation has been laid for the pupils to build upon.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—The school for the year has been under the superior instruction of Miss Sarah E. Hayes. A faithful and efficient teacher of experience. Her school has attained a high degree of excellence; showing the advantage of retaining a good teacher for a succession of terms.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—The summer term was taught by Sarah J. Edgerly. She labored earnestly and seemed thoroughly interested in the welfare of her school. The appearance of the school at both visits was good. Think on the whole, she gave satisfaction. With regular attendance more could have been accomplished.

The second term was taught by John Dunlea. When I visited the school at its opening was impressed with his determination to make a success of his first effort at teaching, and think from all reports it was such. Owing to a misunderstanding as to when the term was to end, I regret to say, I didn't make the second call.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—Both terms were taught by Miss Emma A. Clarke. She manifested a desire to discharge her duties faithfully. The scholars were studious and obedient. The school for the year progressed.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—This district is fortunate in again securing the services of Miss Tasker, a teacher of experience and adaptability. With her patient and earnest effort the school was a success.

REMARKS.

It was with hesitancy, that I took upon myself the office of Superintendent of the schools of Durham; feeling their great want required some one of wider experience and one who could give them every attention. However, I have tried as far as in me lies to discharge my duties faithfully; and have watched the progress of the schools and scholars with no little interest, and have come to the conclusion that we have much talent in our schools, and it should incite us to use every effort to attain the greatest end; remembering our schools are the agents that shape the future of our society. Then let us awake to our educational interests.

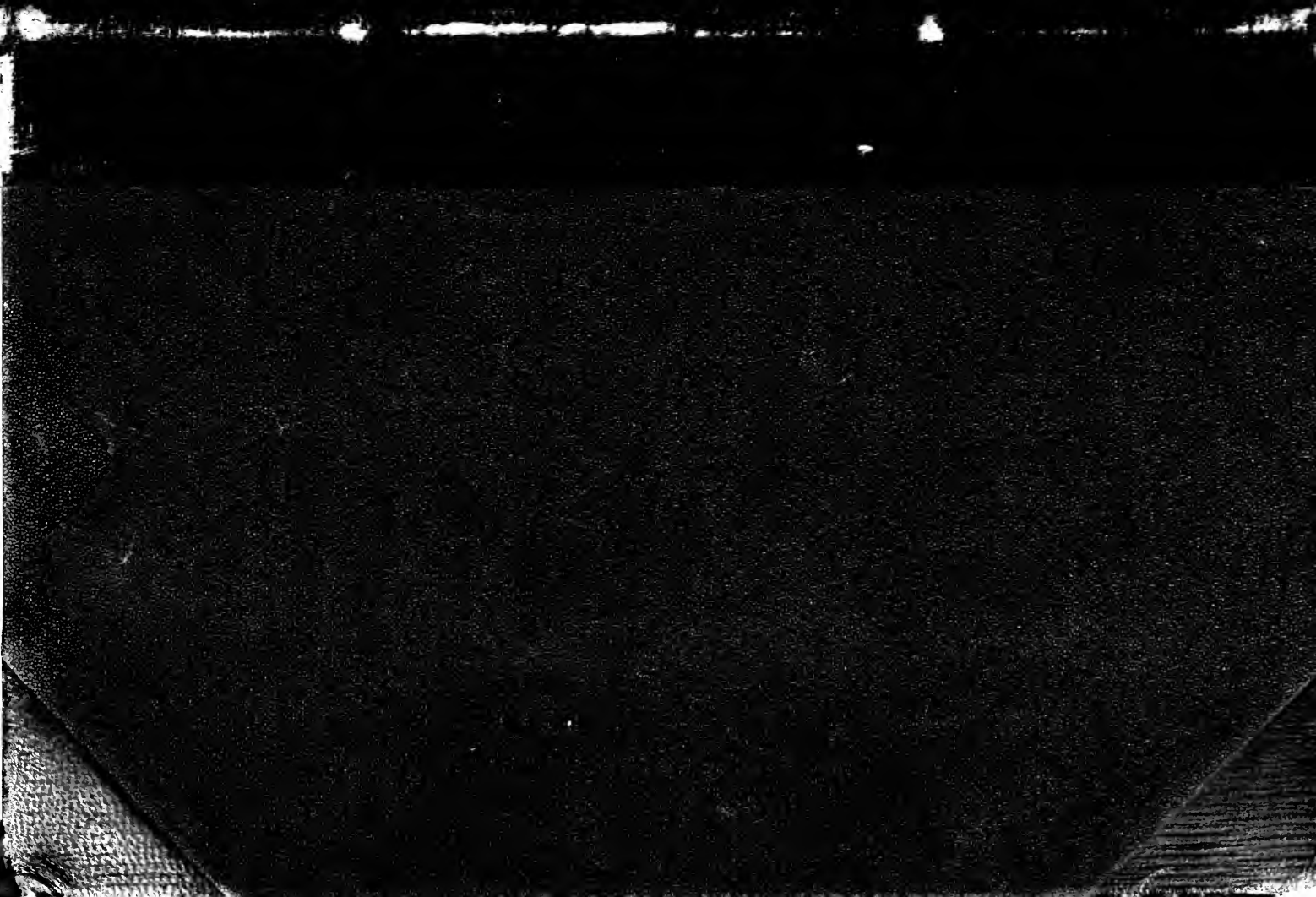
In the first place, care should be taken in choosing the Prudential Committee; upon them, in part, depends the success of the school. Their duties are of a serious character; they cannot use too much caution in securing a teacher; intelligence, skill and culture are the elements that constitute a successful teacher. One important point should be, to secure a teacher that can be retained for the year, if possible. Generally, I would advise a teacher of the "Normal School" training; they have been taught to teach. Another thing necessary for prosperous schools is regularity of attendance, the absence of a single day is detrimental; the number of absences in some of our schools is astonishing, and in others, the average brought low on account of the irregularity of three or four.

I am constrained again to refer to the great need of more uniformity in text books: although a slight improvement in this direction is discernable, the best mode of bringing about this change I do not undertake to determine.

Few have attended to the higher branches. Thoroughness in the common branches should be obtained first; more time given to reading, spelling, and writing, and written examinations introduced.

Although the schools have fallen far short of perfection, yet, on the whole, the improvement is encouraging. Competent teachers have been secured in nearly every case and the schools conducted in a satisfactory manner. I trust a new era is dawning, opening a better prospect and greater advantages for our youth

FORREST S. SMITH,
Superintending School Com.

No. of District	Name of Prudential Committee	Name of Teacher.	No. of Terms.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Length of School in Weeks.	Wages per month.	No. of scholars over 16 yrs. of age.	No. of scholars between 6 and 16 years.	No. of scholars under 6 years.	No. of days absent.	No. of Marks for tardiness.
1	Joshua B. Smith.	Ada J. D. Stevens.	1	47	35	75	7	$32	0	39	8	187	33
		Susie A. Smith.	2	48	47	85	9	40	1	38	9	210	11
		J. Frank Gear.	3	43	37	85	10	44	2	39	2	218	4
2	Carrie Chesley.	Nettie M. Cook.	1	13	10	77	9	24	0	13	0	15	4
		Belle I. Huckins.	2	12	10	83	8	27	1	10	1	0	5
		Forrest S. Smith.	3	14	13.06	97	8	32	2	11	1	25	0
3	Andrew Card.	Carrie B. Church.	1	11	9	89	6	20	1	6	4	60	20
		Carrie B. Church.	2	13	11	97	8	20	1	9	3	63	2
4	J. W. E. Thompson.	Carrie E. Thompson.	1	17	16	90	8	28	1	15	1	41	24
		Carrie E. Thompson.	2	24	21	91	13	28	2	21	1	186	49
5	C. H. Tuttle.	Sarah E. Hayes.	1	20	16 •	92	9	34	0	20	0	114	19
		Sarah E. Hayes.	2	15	12	80	12	34	0	14	1	154	1
		Sarah E. Hayes.	3	12	8	66	6	34	0	12	0	100	0
7	John Emerson.	Sarah J. Edgerly.	1	33	30	97	9	25	1	29	3	152	31
		John Dunlea.	2	27	24	92	12	26	2	25	0	104	25
8	James Stevens.	Emma A. Clarke.	1	20	18	95	6	28	1	17	3	22	19
		Emma A. Clarke.	2	19	14	88	7	28	0	18	1	44	13
10	Mrs. Geo. S. Chesley.	Cynthia J. Tasker.	1	21	19	90	8	27	1	17	3	87	101
		Cynthia J. Tasker.	2	20	20	90	10	27	0	16	4	73	95

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